

Children's Work

Kauri class students have been creating ANZAC day poems.

The young soldier,
once powerful and brave,
stood in his shining uniform.

Laying in dirt,
bleeding and scared,
waiting for a soldier to put him in
bed.

By Karne

The Soldier
Ripped, skinny and handsome
Running across valleys
Covering distances, further than
the equator,
A length that no-one would
travel.

By Peta

Kauri class students have also been creating complex sentences by using conjunctions and varying sentence starters.

The white and golden mare galloped around the carousel until
she finally caught up to the brown stallion.
Until she finally caught up to the brown stallion, the white and
golden mare galloped around the carousel.



By Arahia

The white horse span around the merry-go-round although he was dizzy and tired.
Although he was dizzy and tired, the white horse span around the merry-go-round.

By Taurahere

The carousel spun slowly so that the children could admire it.

So that the children could admire it, the carousel spun slowly.

By Peta

The young flicker frolicked gracefully although she was worried about the golden
pole running through her back.

Although she was worried about the golden pole running through her back, the
young flicker frolicked gracefully around the carousel.

By Arahia

The carousel played music so that the little boy slept.

So that the little boy slept, the carousel played music.

By Kyah

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

5 May	Start of Term 2
10 May	Soccer games commence, & rugby & netball
12 May	Hockey starts
20 May	Board meeting
28 May	COP's winter sports



Mrs Tamae Dimond
Principal ☺

Have a safe and happy Easter holiday break. See you all next term. ☺



Newsletter

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Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

Term One 2014

Week Eleven – 17 April

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

We farewell Mrs Felicity Steger who has been committed to teaching the senior class as the principal release teacher for the past four years. She has been an asset to the school and teaching staff and will be missed as she endeavours to spend more time with her young family.

Following the school holidays an interim plan will be in place until the principal release position has been filled. This involves Mrs Lisa King covering until the end of May.

School Hours

A detailed flyer has been distributed to all families. Following a trial, consultation with students/family/whanau, discussions, and in-depth observation of the children, the decision to amend the school hours has been made. The school hours will be:

8.30am to 2.30pm with the school bus departing at 3.00pm daily.

Bus children will be supervised by an adult from 2.30pm to 3.00pm. This amendment will be effective as of Term 2, starting Monday 5 May.

Thank you to everyone for sharing your views on the change of school hours. The greatest good has been identified by so many and that is... 'the children'.



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Year 9 Students

It is always exciting to hear from past pupils and after speaking with Angel, Jaide, Tui and Tiana recently it's neat to know they are all enjoying their secondary schooling at Otorohanga College. They have made a lot of friends in Otorohanga and talked favourably about college life.

Tui 'It's alright ... average!' Tui's favourite subject is maths and she's enjoying it. Mr Gray is her homeroom teacher and she's in Brown House. P.E has improved so she is enjoying that more, she has begun music with Mrs Raine and in Term 2 Tui plans to be involved more in the vocals group.

Tiana 'I really like it'. Tiana enjoys science and is learning more about animals and plant life. She likes English and Whaea Mariana as a teacher. Tiana is keen on netball and basketball this year and has P.E with Mr Drummond who used to teach her dad. She's enjoying maths, sometimes it's a challenge but she says it's a good challenge.

Jaide 'It's good and the friends are good'. Jaide was recently elected Student Council rep the Year 9 leader in Kedgley House group. He is enjoying P.E and maths. He said it's great to get to know so many people and he enjoys playing in the school rugby team and a seven's rugby team.

Angel 'Schools good!' Her favourite subject is maths with Mr Drummond and Angel's been busy with homework lately. She has recently finished playing in a touch tournament in Hamilton and coached our school junior touch team. She is looking forward to playing in more sports teams over the year. Angel is in Eveleigh House and says it is easy to make friends with so many different people, students and teachers at College.

Te Hurinui – was unavailable at time of publishing, we look forward to hearing from him soon.

Touch

Touch has finished for the season with all players working hard at improving their skills. Well done to those who played up a grade to help field a team. At prizegiving, Siân Dimond was presented a sportsmanship award, congratulations. Thank you to coaches Steve, Tanchia and Angel, your support has been great for the kids.

It would be appreciated if all touch players could return their uniforms during the first week of next term, unless they are hockey players.

Hockey

There is a team of players keen for hockey that will play in the Junior A or B grade on Thursdays of next term. There is one game a week at either 3.40pm or 4.20pm. The season kicks off with open day for all players with Jack Clayton, Waikato Sportsforce Hockey Development manager on Monday 12 May at 3.30pm. Our players will take part in hockey drills and learn new skills. All games are played on the turf at Te Kuiti High School. If anyone is available to coach this team it would be much appreciated if you could contact Mrs Dimond.

Coaching Course

Thank you to Robyn Polley from Waikato Institute for Leisure & Sport Studies for providing a general coaching course at school. It was fantastic to see so many interested community members and students take up the opportunity to get involved and learn some new skills.

Swimming Pool

The school swimming pool will be closed for the season following Easter on Tuesday 22 April. All keys must be returned by the end of the first week in May.

Thank you Batch for all the hard work over the swimming season to maintain the swimming pool. He'll be looking for a helper towards the end of the year.

Property News

Thank you to Julian and Christen Dimond for spraying the gorse in the paddock by the pool, much appreciated.

There is a **working bee** on Saturday/Sunday 19-20 April from 9.00am onwards. The fall surface under the playground needs to be taken out and replaced. Even an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. Please bring along a hammer and/or rake.

Fundraising

Thank you everyone for your efforts in helping to fundraise for school this term. The money has been raised to go towards a playground upgrade.

This term's total amount raised so far this year is \$5816, profit.

Sunglasses

A pair of sunglasses coloured black, yellow, red and green have been found on the school grounds. If they are yours please collect them from the office as soon as possible or ring school to arrange a time.